

request to file materials under seal must be made by formal motion, separate from the motion or other pleading sought to be sealed, pursuant to LCvR 7.1. Such motion must be filed electronically under the designation “Motion to Seal.” The motion must set forth:

- (1) A non-confidential description of the material sought to be sealed;
- (2) A statement indicating why sealing is necessary and why there are no alternatives to filing under seal;
- (3) Unless permanent sealing is sought, a statement indicating how long the party seeks to have the material maintained under seal and how the matter is to be handled upon unsealing; and
- (4) Supporting statutes, case law, or other authority.

LCvR 6.1.

In addition, the Local Rules require civil motions to show that “counsel have conferred and attempted in good faith to resolve areas of disagreement.” LCvR 7.1(b). “A motion that fails to show that the parties have properly conferred or attempted to confer may be summarily denied.” Id. The pending motion does not indicate that Defendant’s counsel conferred with Plaintiff’s counsel. (Document No. 16); see also (Document No. 20).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that “Defendant’s Motion to Seal” (Document No. 16) is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**. However, Document Nos. 17 and 18 shall remain under **SEAL** until otherwise ordered by this Court. Defendant may file a revised motion to seal on or before **December 9, 2022**.

Signed: December 6, 2022



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

